

City Council

Study Session Summary

April 12, 2016
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Dennis Maloney
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

City Council Absent: Council member Jay Keany

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager
Meredyth Muth, Public Relations Manager
Joe Stevens, Parks & Rec Director
Mandy Perera, Recreation Supervisor
Jessica Hilbun, Librarian
David Baril, Head Golf Professional
Dean Johnson, Parks Superintendent
Ember Brignull, Open Space Manager

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Muckle

Youth Advisory Board Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Brigette Calder-Ward	Brooke Newell
Caelis Hanna	Kaelan Norgard
Danna Kaufman	Finnegan Smith
Alora Klatka	Mitchell Waters
Kaylix McClure	Tyler Waters
Addison Nakari	Kendall Weideman

Members gave their annual report highlighting their 2015-2016 accomplishments including volunteer projects (food drive, events at the Rec Center, Trek the Trails). McClure noted the group's commitment to volunteer projects and using their time on the board a way to learn about government.

Members thanked Jay for being their liaison.

Members stated their opinion that term limits are not necessary for their board.

Members asked the Council for advice on new projects and ways to improve.

Council members suggested some new ideas for projects such as green educational projects, transportation advocacy, and volunteering.

Councilmembers thanked the board for their work and the Mayor handed out Certificates of Appreciation for members whose two-year terms are ending this year.

Parks & Public Landscaping Advisory Board Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Shelly Alm
Keaton Howe
Mark Newland

Billy O'Donnell
Ellen Toon

Chair Ellen Toon gave the board's annual report. Toon noted the group is a new board (they have only met 4 times) and they are still finding their direction. They asked the Council what they want to see the board do in the future

Currently, they are thinking they would like to focus on park maintenance and improvements, water use, lighting, and accessibility. They noted the restroom facilities in the parks need some attention.

The board did not reach consensus on term limits but they are experiencing some issues with absences.

Howe noted that the parks are highly used and need increased maintenance given the wear and tear they experience.

Muckle noted the Council still wants the board to advise on trees even though they are no longer a dedicated tree board.

Maloney noted the need for identifying future uses of the park spaces. Leh noted the need for the Parks Board and Open Space Board to jointly discuss the classification of Lake Park sometime this year.

Stolzmann stated her appreciation of the board looking at sustainability as it relates to parks.

Lipton noted he would like the board to look at the use of parks for large events (neighbor concerns, wear and tear on the parks, etc.).

Toon noted the Friends of the Arboretum 501c3 has some money and would like some direction on how it can be spent in the Arboretum.

Toon thanked Dean Johnson for being their staff liaison and for the excellent support he provides the board.

Golf Course Advisory Board Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Ken Gambon
Perry Nelson
Lisa Norgard

Sandy Stewart
Michele Van Pelt

Gambon gave the annual report for the board. He stated the board is pleased with the new golf staff, the pro shop, and the Sweet Spot Café. He noted moving forward the board would like to see upgrades to the maintenance building, would like the installation of an all-weather training facility to help generate year-round revenue, and a bathroom on the back nine holes.

Lipton requested the board look at long-range planning for revenue generation.

Stewart noted the role of the board is really to work with staff and help advise in areas they can be helpful to staff.

Maloney noted the need for good marketing for the course. Stolzmann noted the need to monitor the course and pricing over the season as play increases when the weather improves.

The group discussed the pros and cons of term limits.

Councilmembers thanks the board members for their service.

Open Space Advisory Board Annual Report

Members of the board in attendance:

Helen Moshak
Mike Schantz

Christopher Smith
Linda Smith

Moshak presented the board's annual report noting the board's major project and focus has been wayfinding for the open spaces and trails. They also looked at understanding other ways to increase acquisition options for open space, participating in the City's budget process, volunteer programs, and educational programs. They plan to continue prioritizing wayfinding, acquisition, regional cooperation, and community engagement.

Regarding term limits the board noted it is really hard to come up to speed when you are new and perhaps there needs to be a transition process.

Leh noted how great the volunteer numbers are. Schantz stated credit for the volunteer programs should go to staff as they work really hard on those programs.

Stolzmann noted the need for more resource management. She also stated it would be helpful if the board came up with recommendations for how people who live next to open space can interact with that space.

Loo stated she hears a great deal about the need for resource management but very little about the need for wayfinding. She has some concerns about any discussion about closing the Davidson Mesa dog park, it is just not likely to be politically feasible. She knows the board does not recommend paving the parking lot at Davidson Mesa, but she gets a great deal of complaints about the unpaved parking lot.

Council members thanked the OSAB members for their work.

City Manager's Report

The group reviewed the advanced agenda.

Identification of Future Agenda Items

Adjourn 9:41 pm.

*Submitted by – Meredyth Muth
April 13, 2016*